

1 **III. REMARKS REGARDING OBJECTIONS TO AND REJECTIONS OF THE**
2 **CLAIMS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

3 1. At page 2/paragraph 1 the Examiner has Objected to redundant or incorrect words in
4 claims 1 and 3. Claim 1has been cancelled. In claim 3/line 4, "gorve" is replaced with
5 "groove" . . With said amendment your applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to
6 withdraw the objection.

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8 2. At page2/paragraph 1 the Examiner has Objected, in claim 6, line 20 stating that
9 "received" should be "receives". Claim 6 has been amended accordingly. With said
10 amendment your applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objection.

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12 3. At page 2/paragraph 1, the Examiner has objected, in claim 7, line 2 stating that "bat"
13 should be "bag". Claim 7 has been amended accordingly. With said amendment your
14 applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objection.

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16 4. At page 2/paragraph 4, the Examiner has rejected claim 4 as indefinite relative to the
17 recitation of "*other shaped* downward directed protrusion" relative to the same making it
18 unclear as to what are exactly the metes and bounds of the claim. Accordingly, the words
19 "*other shaped*" have been deleted and the claim amended. With said amendment your
20 applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

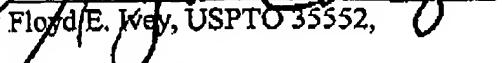
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22 5. At page 2/paragraph 5, the Examiner has rejected claim 10 as indefinite relative to the
23 recitation of "such as" making it unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are
24 part of the claimed invention. Accordingly, the claim has been amended to state "...such
25 as- including hot glue." With said amendment your applicant respectfully requests the

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1 Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

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3 6. At page 2/paragraph 6, the Examiner has rejected claim 11 as indefinite relative to the
4 recitation of the "eyelets molded as an integral part of the top frame member OR...the
5 eyelets are affixed by eyelet affixing means" making it unclear as to what is being
6 claimed since the elements are not equivalent structures. Claim 11 has been accordingly
7 amended stating "... has one or more upward projecting eyelets (450) molded as an
8 integral part of the top frame member (210) or one or more upward projecting eyelets
9 (450) are affixed by eyelet (450) affixing means ..." With said amendment your applicant
10 respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

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12 7. At page 3/paragraph 8, the Examiner has rejected claim 1 as being anticipated by
13 Brandt et al. Claim 1 has been cancelled.

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15 8. At page 4/paragraph 10, the Examiner has rejected claim 1 as being unpatentable over
16 Kosvich in view of Brandt. Claim 1 has been cancelled.

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18 9. At page 4/paragraph 11, the Examiner advises that Claims 2 and 3 are objected to as
19 being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in
20 independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening
21 claims.

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Claim 1 has been cancelled.

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Claim 2 depended from Claim 1 and has been amended to include all limitations
of base Claim 1. With said amendment your applicant respectfully requests the Examiner
to withdraw the rejection.

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1 Claim 3 depends from Claim 2 and hence is subject to all limitations of the
2 cancelled base claim 1 and claim 2. Hence your applicant respectfully requests the
3 Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

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5 10. At page 4/paragraph 12, the Examiner advises that claims 4-22 are allowable if
6 rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in the
7 Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening
8 claims.

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10 11. Your applicant observes that claim 13 was identical to claim 11. Hence, claim 13 has
11 been cancelled. Claim 14, which depended from claim 13, has been amended to depend
12 from claim 12.

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14 Summary Regarding Objections and Rejections of the Claims: Your applicant has
15 made a good faith effort to respond to each objection and each rejection set forth by the
16 Examiner. Your applicant has cancelled and amended claims. Your applicant
17 respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw all indicated objections and rejections and
18 to allow claims 2 - 22 as amended.

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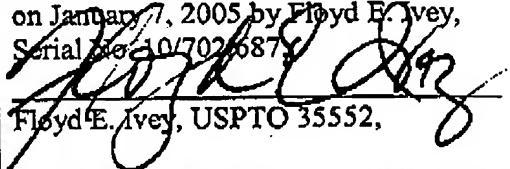
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IV. SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS

The applicant has reviewed the Examiner's Action of October 18, 2004, has addressed the Objections and Rejections therein and has responded to each with amendments and comments.

5 Each aspect of this response is presented by your applicant as a good faith attempt
6 to make this application ready for allowance. Your applicant has cancelled claims 1 and
7 13. Your applicant has made a good faith effort in amending to comply with all
8 objections and rejections. Your applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to allow all
9 claims as amended.

10 Accordingly your applicant requests the Examiner to receive the Response and
11 Amendments submitted herewith and to allow the application and grant the claims as
12 amended.

~~Respectfully submitted,~~

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